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REGISTERED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Tom Robison, General Manager
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RE: Topsoil Handling
Redmond Limestone Quarry
ACT/041/004
Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Robison:

As you will recall, on May 5, Division technical staff members visited the above-mentioned minesite for the purpose of viewing the test plot location and performing a cursory inspection.

At that time, it was apparent that topsoil handling procedures were not in accord with the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP). Of specific interest was the practice of blading soil off development areas followed by inadvertently pushing overburden over the topsoil. Once bladed off, topsoil should be stockpiled, the top of the stockpile should be flattened and seeding should follow as soon as possible.

Please refrain from this practice in the future. Every effort should be made to remove topsoil from overburden piles and segregate it for reclamation prior to June 1, 1983 in order to become in compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8 and the terms and conditions of your MRP. Failure on your part to achieve compliance in this matter may result in action before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

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